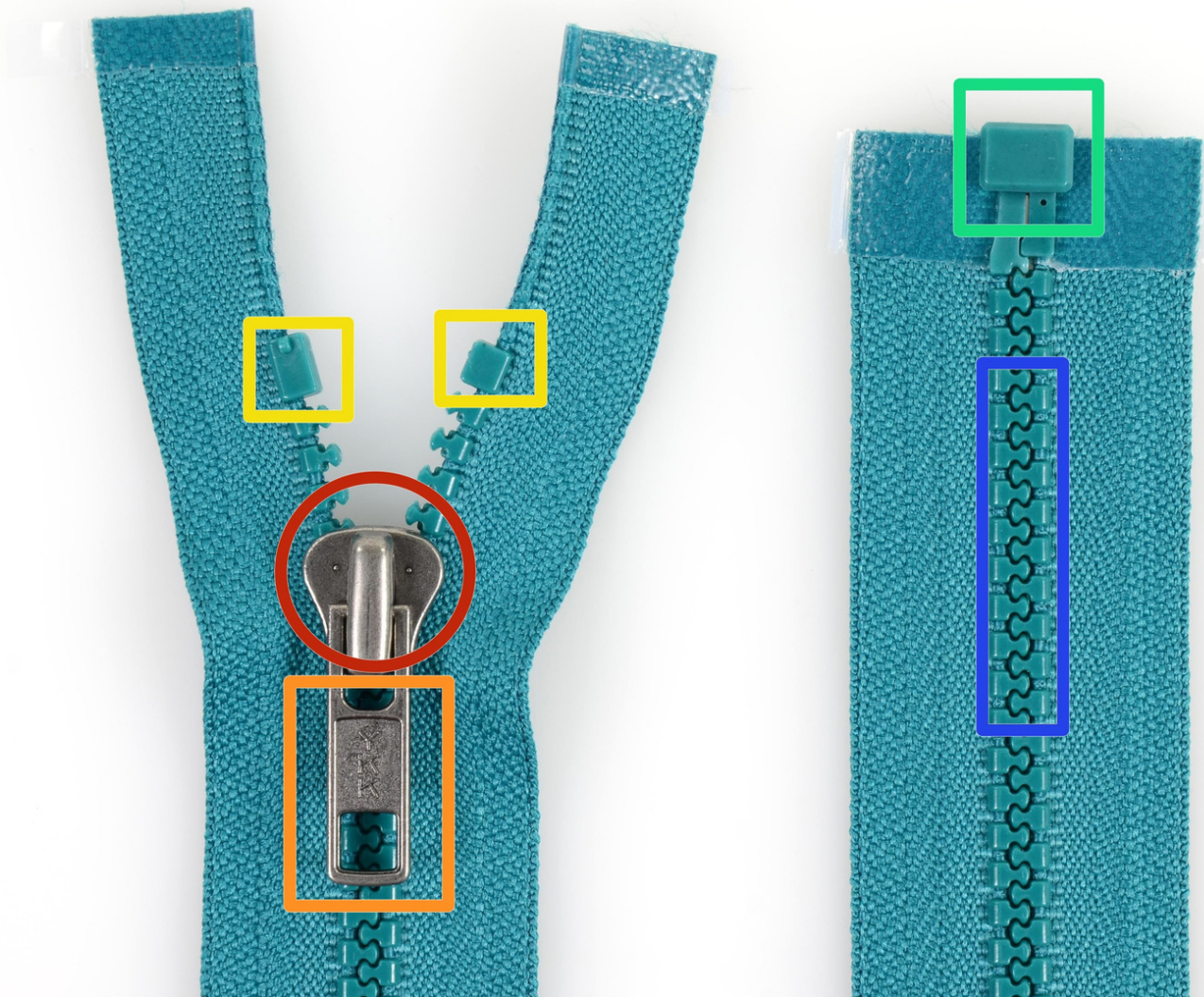




# Plastic Tooth Zipper Diagnosis

Diagnose issues with your plastic tooth zipper.

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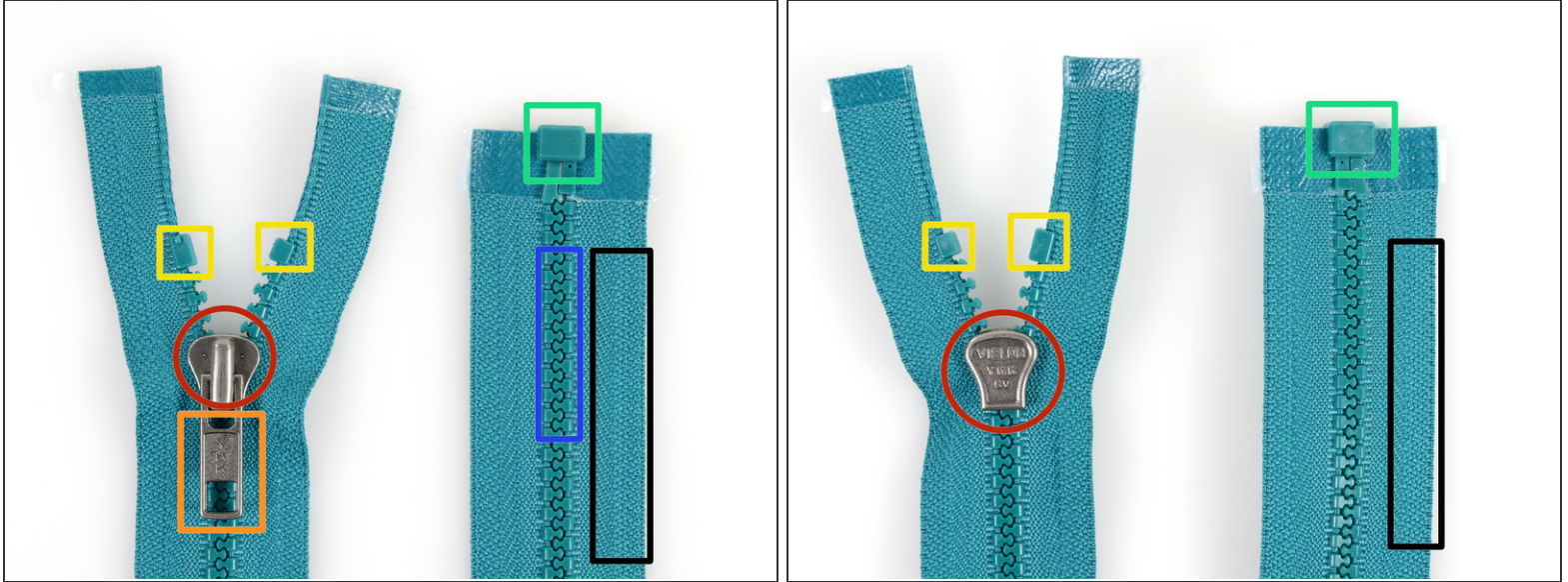


## INTRODUCTION

This guide illustrates common problems you may experience with the plastic tooth zippers in your life, and provides general information on how to best repair the zipper. If you're not sure what type of zipper you have, check out our [Zipper Identification Tool](#).

For replacement parts or further assistance, contact [Patagonia Customer Service](#).

## Step 1 — Plastic Tooth Zipper Diagnosis



- Before we get started, let's identify the basic parts of a plastic tooth zipper:

- Slider
- Pull
- Stop
- Box
- Teeth
- Zipper Tape



## Step 2



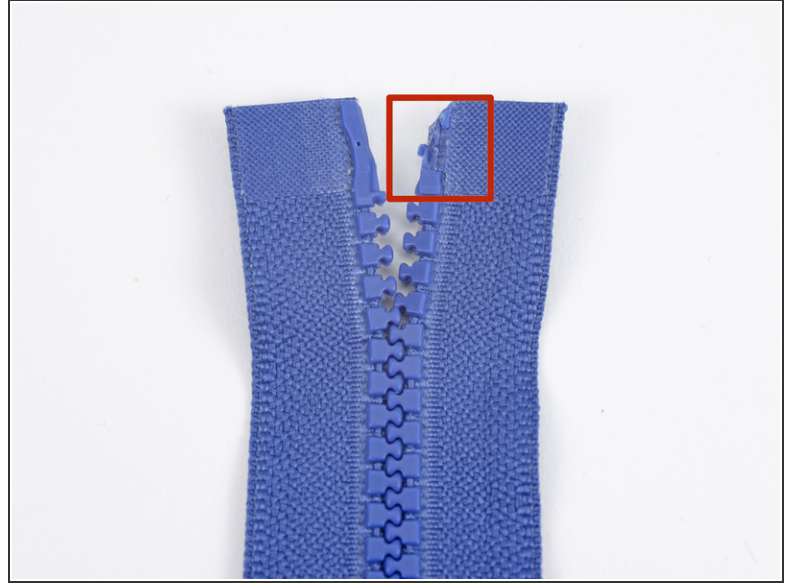
- The teeth on this zipper are melted.
- This zipper cannot be repaired and needs to be replaced.

## Step 3



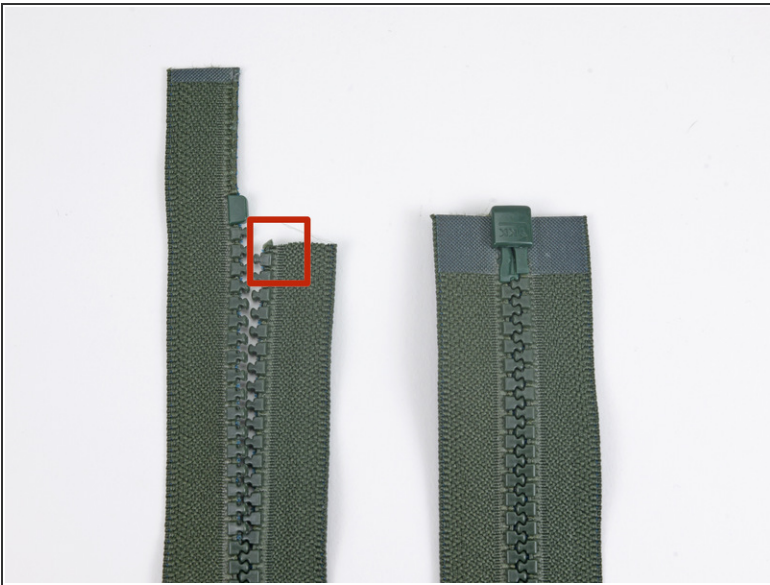
- The teeth are missing from the zipper.
- This zipper cannot be repaired, so the zipper will need to be replaced.

## Step 4



- This zipper is missing the zipper box at the bottom of the zipper.
- This zipper cannot be repaired and needs to be replaced.

## Step 5



- This zipper is missing the zipper stop at the top of the zipper.
- Provided there is enough of the fabric around the zipper, which has been clipped in this image for visibility, you can simply replace the stop as shown in our [slider replacement guide](#).

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